

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor Baber; Councilmembers Alessio, McWhirter and Sterling.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager Witt; City Attorney Sabine; Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett; City Clerk Kennedy.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER McWHIRTER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

Councilmember Sterling asked to have her question and the City Manager's answer reflected in the minutes.

Councilmember Sterling said it was her understanding that the La Mesa Village Merchants Association was in debt to the City for \$47,900.00 from the 2015 Oktoberfest. Councilmember Sterling asked the City Manager to provide a status report on where the matter stood.

City Manager Witt said the City had not received payment. City Manager Witt stated the Association had gone through the City's normal collection process of receiving notices and follow up notices, as appropriate. He said the matter had been turned over to a collection agency and was in the early stages of the collection process. City Manager Witt said he would keep the Council posted on the results.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Mayor and Council made announcements and reported on various events taking place in the City. No action was taken.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMENDING JOHN "CARL" METZLER FOR HIS EFFORTS TO ERADICATE GRAFFITI IN LA MESA

Mayor Arapostathis, Mr. Paul Richmond, Chair of the Human Relations Advisory Commission, and Community Resource Supervisor Lynch presented the commendation to Mr. Metzler.

PRESENTATIONS – Continued

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Finance Director Waller-Bullock reported on the national, state and local economic outlook, state budget issues, the performance of the City's General Fund and Proposition L benchmarks for quarter ending December 31, 2015.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings for the quarter ending December 31, 2015.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

POLICE CHIEF'S QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT

Chief Vasquez introduced recently promoted officers and new members of the Police Department. Chief Vasquez then presented the crime statistics for quarter ending December 31, 2015, explained the statistics in the various crime categories, and highlighted recently solved cases. Chief Vasquez also briefly discussed the various community outreach activities of the Police Department.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Shawn Kelley, Trauma Interventions Program (TIP), gave a brief explanation of the 30-year program and the importance of providing early emotional first aid to victims.

Mr. John Rooks, TIP, provided statistical information on their response time to assist victims and the value of the volunteer program.

Mr. Adrian Michaels, San Diego, commended the City on the revitalization along Fletcher Parkway. Mr. Michaels also spoke in opposition to a predatory lending company that was located along Parkway Drive.

Mr. Joe Glidden, La Mesa, spoke regarding a permanent library in the city and provided a chronology related to the City's efforts to build a library.

Ms. Shauna Dee Breese, La Mesa, complained about the problem of transients and crime in Collier Park and said more police patrols were needed at night.

CONSENT CALENDAR
(Items 1 through 6)

City Manager Witt requested the Council consider items 1 through 5 separately from item 6. City Manager Witt said Councilmember McWhirter's business was located within 500 feet of the subject property in item 6 and must recuse himself.

Councilmember Alessio requested item 5 be pulled.

1. APPROVAL OF MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE TEXT OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AT THIS MEETING

Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2016

Approved.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Accepted.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO KIMLEY-HORN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH SPRING STREET PHASE 1 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Resolution No. 2016-008 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar items 1 through 4.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Baber, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Sterling

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

5. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF DRB-16-02 (COIN HAUS/COHN RESTAURANT GROUP) – A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW VIDEO

GAME ARCADE AND BAR LOCATED AT 8384 LA MESA BOULEVARD IN THE CD-D (DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL/URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE

Councilmember Alessio asked staff to provide more information about the layout of the proposed business.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

Senior Planner Jacobs explained the layout of the proposed game arcade and bar, as well as the interior and exterior remodel of the building.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar item 5.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Baber, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Sterling
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed.

6. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF DRB-15-11 (DREW FAMILY INVESTMENTS LP/PENSKE FORD AUTOMOTIVE, LLC) – A PROPOSED RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING AUTOMOTIVE SALES AND SERVICE CENTER AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 23,200 SQUARE FOOT SALES BUILDING AND A NEW 71,800 SQUARE FOOT SERVICE BUILDING AT 8970 LA MESA BOULEVARD IN THE C – D (GENERAL COMMERCIAL/URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE; AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PENSKE FORD OF LA MESA PROJECT

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar item 6.

Vote: 3-0-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Alessio and Councilmember Sterling
No: None
Abstained: Vice Mayor Baber
Absent: None
Recused: Councilmember McWhirter

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2016-009 was adopted.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING

7. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24.05 AND 24.06 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE KEEPING OF HOUSEHOLD PETS ON

PROPERTIES WITH RESIDENTIAL USES IN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL ZONES

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Mr. Dan Lothspeich, La Mesa, spoke in opposition to the five dog limit and said he would like to see the previous motion on the Ordinance reversed. Mr. Lothspeich said people needed to be responsible pet owners and get their animals spayed, neutered and microchipped. He also complained about the proliferation of cats.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING – Continued

Ms. Michelle La Grandeur, La Mesa, asked the Council to think before passing the Ordinance. Ms. La Grandeur suggested requiring more than two dogs to be spayed or neutered, similar to the restriction on cats. She also suggested taking the size of the residential lots and the size of the dogs into consideration.

Mayor Arapostathis said a citizen was not able to attend the meeting, but wanted to share their comments with regards to having dogs spayed or neutered after a certain number of dogs.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

Under discussion, the Council continued questions and comments. Mayor Arapostathis then called for the vote.

Vote: 4-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Baber, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember McWhirter
No: Councilmember Sterling
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2016-2845 was adopted.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

The Mayor and Council reported on various outside board, commission and committee meetings they attended. No action was taken.

AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3(d))

There were no reports.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Sabine commented on Assembly Bill 129, the Medical Marijuana cleanup bill that was recently adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Mary J. Kennedy, CMC
City Clerk